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 E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR
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 SUBJ: WIESENTHAL INSTITUTE POSITION ON MENGELE INVESTIGATION REPORT
 2. DR. ROMEU TUMA, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE FEDERAL POLICE IN SAO PAULO AND HEAD OF THE MENGELE INVESTIGATION, TOLD POLOFF AND USG SPONSORED EXPERTS ON JUNE 21 THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A TELEGRAM THE PREVIOUS EVENING FROM THE WIESENTHAL INSTITUTE, REQUESTING THAT THE FORENSIC REPORT OF THE INVESTIGATION NOT BE MADE PUBLIC AT THIS TIME. THE OPENING PARAGRAPH OF THE TELEGRAM READS, "DEEPLY SATISFIED BY SERIOUS LEVEL OF YOUR INQUIRY THUS FAR, HAVE ONE REQUEST THAT GERMAN PROSECUTOR AGREES WITH: NOT TO MAKE PUBLIC FORENSIC REPORT BEFORE YOU OBTAIN MEDICAL DETAILS FROM MENGELE FAMILY WHICH WAS (SIC) PROMISED TO GERMAN PROSECUTOR AND NEVER DELIVERED." THE TELEGRAM GOES ON TO NOTE THAT INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED BY THE FAMILY IS EXPECTED TO BE IN THE FORM OF PERSONAL TESTIMONY, RATHER THAN DOCUMENTARY OR SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE. IF THE FORENSIC REPORT IS RELEASED FIRST, WIESENTHAL INSTITUTE FEARS THE FAMILY MAY TAILOR ITS TESTIMONY TO CONFIRM THE REPORT, OBSCURING IN THE PROCESS INFORMATION WHICH COULD INDICATE THAT THE BODY EXHUMED IN EMBU IS NOT THAT OF MENGELE. THE TELEGRAM IS SIGNED BY RABBI M. HIER, DEAN, SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER, LOS ANGELES.

3. TUMA EXPRESSED ANNOYANCE AT THE WIESENTHAL CENTER'S REQUEST AND INDICATES HE HAS NO INTENTION OF CHANGING HIS

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PLANS TO ANNOUNCE THE FINDINGS OF THE FORENSIC EXPERTS TO
THE PUBLIC ON JUNE 21. WE NOTE THAT ALL USG AND WIESENTHAL
SPONSORED FORENSIC EXPERTS HAVE SIGNED THE INVESTIGATION'S
PRELIMINARY REPORT (REFTEL SP 1585) WHICH STATES THAT THE
SKELETON EXHUMED IN EMBU "...IS THAT OF JOSEF MENGELE WITHIN
A REASONABLE SCIENTIFIC CERTAINTY."

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